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## **Jury Technology Project Grant for Merced Superior Court**

The Merced Superior Court is pleased to inform the citizens of Merced County that registering for jury service is about to become easier and more efficient. Merced Superior Court received \$50K of grant funds specifically for implementing jury technology upgrades. These upgrades will allow you to perform the following functions using an Ipad, computer as well as some mobile devices:

- Complete your jury summons questionnaire on line.
- Request a jury extension or postponement on line and when the request is received you will automatically receive a new summons in the mail
- Request a disqualification on line with proof (note from a physician). In this case, the court will review the exemption and respond back.
- Change your address on line if within the county but must show proof of residence.

In addition, court staff will use I pads at the main courthouse entrance to meet and excuse jurors when a jury panel is no longer needed at the last minute. By greeting the jurors at the front of the courthouse, staff will provide better customer service as jurors will no longer need to enter the courthouse, go through security screening and meet in the second floor jury assembly room only to be checked in and released.

The court will implement the new system beginning Tuesday, October 14, 2014. These upgrades are meeting the technological goals of the court and enabling the court to improve its jury program.

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